

# SENATE WATCH

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# FINAL PASSAGE

### SB 566 (Patterson)

SB 566 would convey two parcels of property in Plymouth Township in Wayne County. The property is commonly known as the Western Wayne Correctional Facility.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was defeated. (9/20)
- Patterson 2 (S-3) was adopted.
- SB 566 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- Patterson 1 (s-2) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 566 passed with IE [RC 434: 36 yes, 0 no].

## SB 673 (Jelinek) SB 674 (SWITALSKI)

Support: Michigan Department of Education, Michigan Association of School Administrators, Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, MFT.

<u>SB 673</u> directs the State Board of Education to develop a school administrator certificate that is not required, but rather voluntary for administrators. Prior to revision of the School Code in 1995, school administrators had a certification process with the Department of Education similar to that of teachers.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted. (9/21)
- SB 673 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- SB 673 passed [RC 437: 37 yes, 0 no].

<u>SB 674</u> provides for a \$125 School Counselor License Fee. School counselors that are certificated teachers currently pay for an additional endorsement for school counselor certification. Counselors that are not certificated teachers pay a license fee. This bill provides for the currently imposed license fee, but makes clear that certificated teachers are not subject to the additional license fee.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted. (9/21)
- SB 674 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- SB 674 passed [RC 438: 37 yes, 0 no].

### HB 4916 (Kooiman)

## **HB 4917 (TOBOCMAN)**

HBs 4916-17 would provide that a residential rental property owner would not be required to file an (renaissance zone) affidavit if the qualified local governmental unit in which the property was located determined that the property was in substantial compliance with all applicable state and local zoning, building, and housing laws, ordinances, and codes on December 31 of the immediately preceding tax year.

Reportedly, some owners of residential rental housing have lost the tax benefits they enjoyed as a result of the property's location in a renaissance zone after the owners failed to file the required annual affidavit of substantial compliance as required by the Michigan Renaissance Zone Act and the General Property Tax Act. Apparently, the failure to file was an oversight and those property owners lost the substantial tax breaks they received despite the fact that the property continued to comply with State and local zoning, building, and housing laws. The bill would allow those property owners to forego the filing of the annual affidavit and still receive the tax benefits of the renaissance zone as long as the property was in substantial compliance with the housing laws.

#### HB 4916:

- HB 4916 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments. (9/21)
- HB 4916 passed with IE [RC 435: 36 yes, 0 no].

#### HB 4917:

- HB 4917 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments. (9/21)
- HB 4917 passed with IE [RC 436: 37 yes, 0 no].